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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

J. Pasterczyk

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. This Office action is in response to the response and Rule 132 declaration filed 1/13/04 and refers to the Office action mailed 7/14/03.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because in labeled line 16 proper closed Markush language should be used to refer to the acids and their salts, and in l. 17 the comma after "and" should be deleted. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

3. Claim 15 is objected to because of the following informalities: in the first line "in which" is repeated. Appropriate correction is required.

4. Claims 10, 21, 23 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 10, l. 4, delete "a" before "potassium hydroxide", and in the last line insert --an-- after "ligand is". Claim 32 has the same defects.

In claim 21, penultimate line, insert --an-- after "ligand is".

In claim 23, it is not clear whether "the process" refers to the olefin polymerization process or the process of making the catalyst.

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

6. Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xue as cited in and for the reasons of record given in the previous Office action.

7. Applicant's arguments filed 1/13/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that the prior art focuses upon a different result than that of the present applicants, the fact that applicant has recognized another advantage which would flow naturally from following the suggestion of the prior art cannot be the basis for patentability when the differences would otherwise be obvious. See *Ex parte Obiaya*, 227 USPQ 58, 60 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1985).

Regarding applicants' executed Rule 132 declaration, the declaration merely states an opinion which could easily be tested in a laboratory. In fact, part of the declaration admits that the water soluble base of the prior art would indeed be a good solvent for one of the ingredients used in the present invention. The term "water soluble base" is broad enough to include the prior art's use of N,N-dimethyl acetamide as well as the preferred bases of the present invention.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Pasterczyk whose telephone number is 571-272-1375. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Bell, can be reached at 571-272-1362. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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